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SUBJECT: REPORTED PODGORNYY VISIT TO AFRICA: JAN 3-6, 1977

1. AT QUADRIpartite MEETING DEC 21, UK AMBASSADOR SMITH
REPORTED HE HAS BEEN TOLD BY ZAMBIAN EMBASSY MOSCOW THAT
USSR SUPREME SOVIET PRESIDUM CHAIRMAN (TITULAR HEAD OF
STATE) N.V. PODGORNYY IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT ZAMBIA JAN 3-6,
1977. IN RESPONSE TO BRITISH QUESTION, ZAMBIANS SAID THEY
DID NOT KNOW IF HE WOULD VISIT OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

2. SMITH NOTED THAT PODGORNYY HAS OUTSTANDING INVITATIONS
TO VISIT MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA AS WELL AS ZAMBIA, AND
SPECULATED THAT HE MIGHT INCLUDE TANZANIA IF HE WERE
TRAVELING THROUGH AREA. VISIT MIGHT COINCIDE WITH
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IVOR RICHARDS' TOUR DURING GENEVA ADJOURNMENT, BUT
SMITH DISCOUNTED ANY SOVIET INTENT TO PREEMPT LATTER
SINCE SOVIETS COULD NOT HAVE KNOWN OF RICHARDS' PLANS WHEN
VISIT TIMING CONFIRMED. MATLOCK

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